
By: **Delegate McConkey**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tolls**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to temporarily
4 stop collecting tolls for the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge
5 (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) under certain congested traffic conditions; requiring
6 the Authority to continue collecting tolls when the efficient flow of traffic
7 resumes; requiring the Authority to take certain action to obtain a necessary
8 modification of a certain trust agreement; and generally relating to a
9 requirement that the Authority stop collecting tolls for the William Preston
10 Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge under certain traffic conditions.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 4-312(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 4-312.

20 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rentals, rates,
21 fees, tolls, and other charges and revenues are not subject to supervision or regulation
22 by any instrumentality, agency, or unit of this State or any of its political subdivisions.

23 (2) This subtitle does not permit the exercise of any power or the
24 undertaking of any activity that would conflict with the provisions and limitations of
25 the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.

26 (3) Tolls for the use of the bridge carrying the John F. Kennedy Memorial
27 Highway over the Susquehanna River may not be less than the comparable tolls
28 charged for the use of the Susquehanna River Bridge.

1 (4) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL TEMPORARILY STOP COLLECTING
2 TOLLS FOR THE WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE (CHESAPEAKE BAY
3 BRIDGE) IF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS SO CONGESTED THAT:

4 1. A LINE OF VEHICLES WAITING TO CROSS THE BRIDGE
5 EXTENDS MORE THAN 5 MILES FROM THE BRIDGE; AND

6 2. THE AVERAGE SPEED OF VEHICLES IN THE LINE
7 APPROACHING THE BRIDGE IS LESS THAN 30 MILES PER HOUR.

8 (II) THE AUTHORITY SHALL RESUME COLLECTING TOLLS WHEN
9 THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
10 ARE NO LONGER PRESENT.

11 (III) IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
12 PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY SHALL TAKE WHATEVER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY
13 TO OBTAIN A MODIFICATION OF ANY TRUST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY
14 AND A CORPORATE TRUSTEE THAT SECURES REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BRIDGE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2003.